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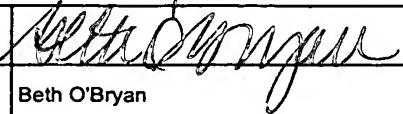
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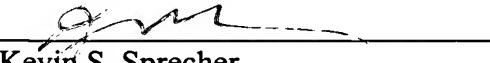
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US 6,485,436	11-26-2002	Truckai et al.
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